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CLEAR CREEK Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Mount Pisgah Church

Winston Co., Ala.

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MINUTES.

The 25th Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association convened with the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, Winston county, Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in October, 1899.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. B. F. Shank; Text: 14 chapter of John—"I am the way, and the truth, and the life:" The subject was well delivered and very pointed, after which an intermission was given.

Reassembled in Church house. Called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. I. H. Key. The moderator appointed Bro. J. D. Rutledge Clerk, pro tempore, then announced the association ready for business: The names of the churches composing the Clear Creek Baptist Association were called by the moderator. The letters from the churches were placed on the table by the delegates bearing the same. Bro. N. H. Estes and G. W. Hilton, were appointed reading clerks, and proceeded to read the letters.

Churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

UNION GROVE—G. W. Davis, A. J. Lovelady, and S. M. Weaver, SARDIS NO. 1,—Jere Cockrell, J. T. Townsend, and W. A. Barton, Rock Creek—Eld. G. W. Adams, J. F. Taylor, and H. S. Curtis, MACEDONIA—Eld. Thos. P. Sutherland, D. A. Comens, W. G. Tidwell, LIBERTY GROVE—Eld. J. K. P. Taylor, H. K. Ocen, W. A. Loyett. SHILOH—Not represented

New Prospect—J. H. Stephenson, J. A. Defoor, H. B. Sims, Cum Pond—Eld W. H. Camp, M. E. Owen, W. R. Garrison, Concord—Not represented,

MOUNTAIN SPRINGS.—Not represented.

Low GAP—L. S. Butler, J. M. Ward, Jr., J. A. Fowler,

BETHEL, No. 2.—Not represented,

SALEM—Robt Downey, G. J. Barten, T. A. Lynn,
PLEASANT HILL—Robert Manasco, G. W. Ballinger, W. B. Thomas,

CLEAR CREEK—H. L. McCrary, Eli Henson, B. F. Mayfield,

TRINITY.—M. C. Howard, W. M. Butler, J. A. Butler.

ORANGE—A. D. Davis, R. H. Gaines, G. H. Garrison,

SECOND DISTRICT,

Houston—A. J. Scotin, W. C. Blackwell, R. H. Blake, T. D. Wilson, Nebo—M. N. Towers, James Cobb, Eld. J. W. Hood, Fairview—G. W. McCollum, J. T. Bailey, S. McCollum, Corinth—R. L. Pearson, J. M. Hiltor, Eld. S. C. Cooper, Blooming Grove——N. H. Estes, J. H. Smith, David Best, Oak Grove—A. J. McCullar, W. W. Lester, N. S. Reeve, Mt. Zion—Y. M. Ivey, A. Williams, Wiley Pate, Friendship—T. J. Kelly, L. W. Heys, J. B. Sims, Ermonfifld—D. H., Griggs, H. P. Welborn, Wm. G, Towers, Mt. Pisgah, No. 1—W. T. Christian, Dillard Blevins, T. H. Watts, Bethel, No. 1—Thos. Burrell, G. W. Gibson, J. D. Rutledge, Bethlehem—W. P. Salter, W. E. Williams, J. H. Smith, Mt. Pleasant—Bro. A.W, Lester, W. J. Persoll, E. V. Hopper,

CENTER-G. W. Little, E. L. Ray, Wm. Hawkins, MT. PISGAH, No. 2 .- Not represented, UNION CHAPPEL—John Riddle, D. S. Garrison, D. E. Burk, SARDIS, No 2—Eld. W. Daily, C. P. Henderson, D. J. McCain, Double Springs --- Not represented.

Called for petitionary letters—received the following, borne by the delegates named:

MT. LEBANON—S, D. Pruitt, T. A. Southerland, COUNTY LINE—G. W. Purdle, J. W. M. White, J. L. Huckabee, A. Gilbreth OAK GROVE No. 2-Eld. J.G. Lovelady, T.W. Cooper, W.A. McCullar,

The three churches named being constituted and organized according to Baptist Faith and Practice, were admitted into the body and the right. hand of Fellowship extended to all the brethren bearing the petitions and letters, and invited to seats by the moderator.

The body then proceeded to election of moderator and clerk which resulted in the choice of Bro. T. P. Southerland, moderator, and J. D. Rut-

ledge, clerk.

Received correspondence from Shady Grove, Bro. J. T. Thompson.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Committee on Devotional Exercise—W. P. Salter, J. A. Defore, with

the Deacons of Mount Pisgah Church,

Committee on Finance—L. A. Comings, A. J. McCullar, J. M. Hilton Committee on Documents—R. H. Blake, N. H. Estes, T. D. Wilson. Committee on Nomination—J. H. Smith, W. M. Butler, D. E. Burks. Motion made and carried to adjourn until 8 o'clock Monday morning Prayer by Bro G. W. Gibson.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.,

Sabbath School report received and discussed at length. Resolution: passed requesting the schools of each church to meet at Rock Creek Church on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in May, 1900 to organize a Sabbath School Association in the bounds of the Clear Creek Association.

REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISE S-Bro G W. Gibson, to preach at 11 o'clock, T. P. Southerland, alternate. Bro. Key to preach at night followed by Bro. Kelly. Fext: 8. 9, and 10 verse, 2 chapter of St. Luke.

MONDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK.

Met Monday morning, 8 o'clock. Prayer by the moderator. The moderator appointed the following Committees: ON CREDENTIALS—W. A. McCullough, A. D. Davis, and J. D. Sims, ON AGED MINISTERS—W.E. Williams, S.M. Weaver and W.G. Tidwell,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS.

We your committee have investigated the matter of Aged Ministers belonging to this Association and find 3 in the bounds of this body needing assistance-T.M Martin, David Carroll, and Brother Hix. We recommend that the Association assist these dear old brethren, and that the pastors of the various churches lay the matter before the brethren and urge them when they return home to send a liberal contribution to these brethren. Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Williams, Chairman. W. G. Tidwell, S. M. Weaver.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Eld. G. W. Gibson, to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. R.H. Blake alternate, at the next Association. Respectfully submitted.

D. E. Burks, W. M. Butler, Committee, Jno. H. Smith,

Report of Committee on Temperance,

We, your Committee on Temperance report: The use of intoxicating drinks is a dreaded, crying sin in our land to-day, and calls for the power and influence of God's people against it. Drinking is an enemy to everything that is good and sacred. The only remedy that we can recommend is total abstainance from its use among our Baptist people.

W. T. CHRISTIAN. Chairman.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools,

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit the following report: We find represented in the Clear Creek Association eleven, Sunday Schools, with a total enrollment of 533 scholars. We are glad to note the improvement, yet it is not near as good as it should be. We recommend that a Sunday School Association be organized in the bounds of our Association, and we urgently request the pasters of the several churches to impress the importance of their churches to organizing Sunday schools where they have none: We further recommend the use of our denominational literature. We ask each church to send a full statistical report of their school in their letter to the next Association, giving the number enrolled, the average attendance, officers' and teacher's names, etc. All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. W. Gibson, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Home Missions.

Dear Brethren: Through this grand and noble work we find that much good has been accomplished. 25 years ago but few churches even in this Association, but it to-day embraces about 1700 believers in the baptist ranks. And now, dear brethren, we are commanded by the Law giver to go on, not to stop. Through the blood and faithfulness of our forefathers we have been brought to what we are today, and it is our duty to even sell our land and possessions if we are the church of God under the Apostolic order. (Acts, 4; 32 37) The last commission was for the preacher to take purse and script with him, (Luke, 23, 36) but, brethren, does God require the preacher to make the sacrifice? Now Who goeth a warfare anytime at his own charges? (1 Cor 9; 9, 7) Look brethren, what the Home Mission work has done! By the aid of churches the Board has sent bold and fearless preachers out into the field that was ready to harvest, and now see what has been the result: Within the last 12 months 845 souls have been converted. The year before 825—making 1670 in two years. May God help us as his servants to press on in this grand and noble work, is our prayer.

W. Dally, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Documents.

We your Committee on Documents report as follows: We have examined all documents presented to us and find correct. We refer one querry from Friendship church for your reception or rejection as your pleasure.

Respectfully,

R. H.: BLAK E, Chairman. easure. Respectfully, R. H. BLAK E, Chairman. We sustain the action of the Enman Church in retaining the sister

above reterred to.

Report of Committee on State Missions.

Brethren, it is impossible to give a satisfactory summary of the great work done by the State Board of Mission. The headquarters of the board is located at Montgomery, Ala., having for its Corresponding Secretary, W. B. Crumpton, who is doing all he can to evangelize the people of the State and bring them to Christ. We find only 25 cts., for State Missions for 1898. which shows that the cause is greatly neglected in this part, and we do impress upon the pastor of each church to do D. a. GREGGS, Chairman. more next year. Respectfully.

Report of Committee on Education.

Education is of grand importance. As we are represented to be the light of the world. Light, in a broad sense, is knowledge. As light advances, darkness recedes. As knowledge increases darkness decreases Hence we see the necessity of an education. We, therefore, advise our people to use every possible effort available for the education of the children and young people in the bounds of our Association.

S. C. Cooper, J. R. Hood, Committee,

J. T. Hackett,

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions,

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report the following. We find that Atrica has 8 Baptist ministers, China 31, Japan The Clear Creek has 32 ministers in its small territory, which is Last year there was \$4.20 collected for foreign more than its share. missions, which is much less than \frac{1}{2} cent to the member. Last there was about twenty thousand dollars collected from Alabama for Respectfully, W. G. Towers, Chairman, Foreign Missions.

Report of Finance Committee,

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to submit the following:

\$25,06, Received, Minute fund, 678, Associational fund, 6,76, Home Mission, 11.37, Foreign mission, .35. State mission, Aged ministers, 1,25,

Total, 51.57, W. W. LESTER, Chairman. Respectfully submitted,

N. B.-For Orphan's Home \$6.36.

Vocal Music Report.

We, your Committee on Vocal Music, beg leave to report, that in some localities in the bounds of our Association we find singing much neglected. We can only advise the churches in our bounds to organize singing societies at each church led by the most competent leaders they have amongst them. Also to encourage singing schools in every neighborhood and to employ the most competent teachers we have.

Without music it seems like the world would be almost a blank.

Respectfully submitted.

N. H. Estes, Chairman.

First District.

The next meeting of this body is to convene with Sardis, No 1. Winston county, Ala., on Friday before the first Sunday in August 1900. Eld B. F. Shank to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. G. W. Davis, alt.

B. F. Shank to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. G. W. Davis, alt. Questions for Discussion: 1. What is the duty of the pastor to the church, and the duty of the church to the pastor? Discussion opened by Eld J. K. P. Taylor. 2. Has a deacon a scriptural right to exercise in exhortation? Discussion opened by Fld H. L. McCtary. 3. Why is the gift of exhortation neglected by us? Discussion opened by Eld T. P. Sutherland,

The next Association is to convene with Clear Creek Church, 2 miles South of Biler, Winston county, Ala., on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1900.

H. L. McCARY, Moderator.

L. A. COMNES, Clerk.

Second District.

The next Annual District Meeting to convene with Oak Grove Baptist Church, No 2., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1900. Eld. R. H. Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

The Fifth Sunday meetings are appointed at the following places: Mount Pisgah Church, No. 1, Friday before the 5th Sunday in Oc-

tober, 1899

Sardis No 2, Friday before the 5th Sunday in April 1900. Corinth, Friday before the 5th Sunday in July, 1900. Oak Grove, Friday before the 5th Sunday in September, 1900. G. W. HILTON, Moderator.

H.T. McCullar, Clerk.

List of Ministers:

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE.

W. W. Davis, G. W. Davis, H. L. McCrary, Deer, Ala.
B. F. Shank, Natural Bridge, Wilson Daily, Addison; D. H. Greggs, T. J. Kelly, Upshaw; W. G. Towers. Addison; S. C. Ccoper, J. C. Cooper, T. S. Kuykendoll, Motes; J. K. P. Taylor, Biler; C. Ballinger, T. M. Martin, Brown's Creek; David Carroll, Amos; T. P. Sutherland, J. W. O'Kelly, Haleyville; J. T. Harris. Ashridge; W. T. Hicks, Dalmar; G. W. Gibson, Thos. Burrell, Mellville; M. Williams, Marylee; W. N. Taylor, Bear Creek; T. D. Wilson, R. H. Blake, Houston; G. W. Little, J. W. M. White, Pool; J. G. Lovelady, Elk; E. B. Welborn, I. H. Key, Double Springs, R. H. Hill, Peak's Mill, John Wakefield, Moulton.

LISENSED MINISTERS—J.W.Griggs, Upshaw; J.M. Taylor, G.A.Rhodes Biler; J.Southerland, N.J. Drewry, Haleyville; R.F.Estes, Marylee, & W. Adams, Double Spr'gs. W.W.Lester, Motes; W.T.Christian, Peak's Mill. W. A. McCullar, Chairman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION,

· We your committee to whom was referred the subject of Minis-

terial Education, submit the following:

Education is power. This being the case, there has never been a time in the history of the church when Ministerial Education is so much needed as now. It saddens our hearts to know that there are so many God fearing men who are opposed to the education of young ministers. They say, "Whom God calls he qualifies" They overlook the twelve Apostles whom Jesus chose; though some of them were illiterate men, yet they were taught three years by the best teacher the world ever knew consequently they were educated before they began their work. The Apostle Paul was an educated man, but he did not use his learning to make a show, but to simplify the truth.

Now those who are called of God to his ministry and have received an education are only the better qualified to gloryfy God, and have a greater power to do good in the cause of Christ, and to their fellow man. It enables the minister to teach and expound the scriptures of Eternal Truth. We claim to be the light of the world. Light in a broad sense is knowledge—as light advances darkness receeds: as knowledges increases darkness decreases. So as we claim to be the light of the world, we are expected to illum-

inate those with who we are associated.

The men who have never went to college nor had the advantage of a higher education are by no means uneducated—they have studied at home and have gained knowledge that enables them to preach the gospel. It has taken them a lifetime to ac quire the knowledge that could have been obtained in half the time had they been educated. Education may ruin men who profess to be ministers, but it will never ruin those who are really called of God. The Apostle Paul instructed Timothy to "study to show thyself a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the words of eternal truth.

Dear Brethren of the Clear Creek Association: Let us educate our young ministers. The cause of Christ needs strong men to

meet the damnable heresies that are abroad in the land.

It needs strong men intellectually, morally and spiritually. It remains alone for the church of Jesus Christ to take higher grounds, by its pulpits, denominational papers, and its colleges and schools to publish fearlessly to the world the grand fundamental doctrines of our Baptist faith May God bless our denominational schools!—but the best educator for Baptists is the BIBLE.

Respectfully submitted, G. B. LESTER, Chairman.

Delegates to the State Convention—G. W. Gibson, J. W. Hood, D. T. Wilson, T. P. Sutherland.

Southern Baptist Convention-D. H. Griggs.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions - W. T. Christian, J. T. Harris, J. C. Cochran, Ministerial Education - S. C. Cooper, G.W. Adams, W.P. Salter, Home Missions - W. Daily, W. W. Lester, J. A. Defore. Foreign Missions - J. T. Keliy, G. W. Hilton, W. D. Cates. Temperance - N. H. Estes, J. G. Lovelady, R. H. Blake, Vocal Music - L. H. Davis, J. F. Curtis, S. McCollum. Education - G. W. Gibson, A. Davis, J. W. Hood. Sabbath Schools - L. A. Comens, G.W. Adkins, David J. Williams.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Mount Pisgah Church and vicinity, for the kindness shown us during our stay among them.

G. W. Gibson.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

To the Memory of our Sainted Dead.

Almighty God in the dispensation of His allwise Providence has removed by death some of our members from a life of care to one of immortal bliss. We note with especial sadness the removal of our former clerk, Bro. D. S. McCullar, God is too good to do wrong—too wise to err, so we know that our great loss is their eternal gain.

G. W. Gibson.

Appointed Bro. J. D. Rutledge Treasurer for ensuing year.

Motion made and carried that the clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute tund will pay for and have the Associational fund for his services; and that he have the Articles of Faith printed and scriptural references annexed thereto.

Appointed Correspondence: To Cullman Association — W. Daily, Eld Thos Burrell, J. W. N. White. To North River Association — Eld. G. W. Gibson, Allen Smelly, David Best. To Shady Grove—T. P. Southerland, J. A. Defore.

Adjourned to meet with Clear Creek Church on Friday before the 1st. Sabbath in October, 1900.

THOS., P. SOUTHERLAND, Moderator.

J. D. RUTLEDGE, CLERK,

Declaration of Baptist Faith.

1. On the Scriptures —We believe that the Holy Eible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction, that it had God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God wil. judge us; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian Union, the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. OF THE TRUE GOD.—That there is one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Ruler of Heaven and Earth, inexpressibly glorious in holiness; worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love; revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonius offices in the great

work of redemption.

3. OF THE FALL OF MAN .-- That man was created an intelligent, finite being under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and and happy estate, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, vet without sin; honored the law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His death; being risen from the dead. He enthroned in heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection is

in every way qualified to be a suitable and all sufficient Saviour.

5. OF JUSTIFICATION.—That the great gospel blessing, which Christ in His tullness bestows on such as believe in Him, is Justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness, this is not bestowed in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through its own righteousness, that it brings us into a state of blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.—That in order to be sayed we must be regenerate ated and born again, that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition, the mind and heart is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience found in

the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God

7. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE .-- That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the moral agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end, that it is a most glorious display of Cod's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangable, that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His mercy, that it encourages use of means in the highest degree, that it is ascertained by its effect on all who believe the gospel, it is the foundation of Christian assurance and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost dilligence.

OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS. -That such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a Special Providence watches over their welfare: and they are kept by the power of God through faith

unto salvation.

HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL .-- That the law of God is eternal and unchangable rule of His moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them thro a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of His visible church.

to. Of a Gospel Church... That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are

defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

II OF BAPTISM AND THE LORDS SUPPER.— That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn beautiful emblem our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior; that it is prerequisite to the priviliges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper in which the members of the Church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceeded by solemn self-examination and that none have the right to administer it only such as are called, qualified and come under the hands of the Presbytery.

12. OF CHRISTIAN SABBATH. -- That the first day of 'he week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purpose, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation, by devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest which remaineth for

the people of God.

13. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT --- That Civil Government is of divine appointment for the interest and good of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for conscienciously honored and obeyed, except in things of papers of the will of the Lord of the conscience and Prince of the kings of earth.

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14. Of the Righteous and Wicked.—There is a radical and essential differerence between the righteous and the wicked; that such as only through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified through the Spirit of our God

are truly righteous in His esteem, while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds

among men both in and after death.

OF THE WORLD TO COME. That the end of the world is approaching and that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the graves to final retribution; that a seperation will then take place: that the righteous will be adjudged to endless joy, and the wicked to endless punishment and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.

16. The Saints ought to wash each other's feet.

Order of Business.

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